

MINUTES
UTAH PLUMBERS
LICENSING BOARD MEETING

November 7, 2007

Room 474 – 4th Floor – 08:30 A.M
Heber Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah

CONVENED: 08:35 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Told, *Chairman*
Gloria Miley
Ed Gongaware
Travis Dalley

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Halverson (Excused)

DOPL STAFF: F. David Stanley, *Division Director*
Dennis Meservy, *Bureau Manager*
Katie Tris, *Board Secretary*

VISITORS: Trina Hansen, *Ogden-Weber Applied Tech*
Doug Leon, *Davis Applied Technical College*
Dale Olson, *Utah Valley State College*
Jeff Pedersen, *Utah Plumbing & Heating Contractors*
Wil Pierce, *Salt Lake Community College*
Lori Stewart, *Mountain Land Tech. College*
John Walker, *Utah Plumbing & Heating Contractors*

BUSINESS: David Told the board chairman opened the meeting at 08:35 A.M.

MINUTES: Ed Gongaware made a motion to accept the October 2007 board minutes as written. Travis Dalley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

MARK HONE

Mark Hone had met with the board on October 3rd to discuss the practical exam. Hone said he had been back to school and his own efforts to pass the practical plumbing exam had been unsuccessful. He was unable to read the drawings and it was his opinion he had a learning disability. He was scheduled to take the exam on October 6th. The board passed a motion that allowed Hone to test again even if he failed the October 6th examination. Hone, in an effort to help him pass the test, was to do lab work that same evening at the Salt Lake Community College. He, however, never showed up. He, also, failed the test on October 6th. The problem was not with his ability to read the drawing, but with brazing.

MASTER PLUMBER UPDATE

Jeff Pedersen met with the board. He said the pending legislation for the master plumber would mirror that currently in state statute for the master electrician. Pedersen said he met with the different members of the state legislative Business and Labor Committee in an effort to answer any questions or concerns they may have about the pending legislation. The board asked Dennis Meservy to provide, for the next board meeting, the number of plumbing and electrical contractors in the state.

The board reviewed a draft letter to the state legislator that supported the proposed legislation to create the master plumber license classification. After the wording in the letter was approved by the board, a motion was made by Dalley to accept the letter. Gloria Miley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

MONTANA & OREGON

Gongaware, in an effort to see if there was a possibility for reciprocity, contacted the states of Montana and Oregon. Both states have the hand-on plumbing practical exam, but it appears Oregon will be eliminating this test. According to Gongaware, Montana has the hands-on practical exam and two other exams for journeyman plumbers. Gongaware made a motion to accept the Montana hands-on practical exam.

Miley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. (After being approved by the Utah board to test, a Montana journeyman plumber that had taken the Montana practical hands-on test would only have to take and pass the written portion of the Utah journeyman exam. The board in their June 2007 meeting passed a motion that did the same thing for Idaho.)

**REPORTS FROM
APPRENTICESHIP SCHOOLS:**

The board reviewed testing results from some of the schools. It appears a lot of applicants are not testing after finishing their four years of school. It was mentioned that as long as plumbing contractors pay journeyman wages to their apprentices this will not change.

THOMSON PROMETRIC

The board reviewed the test score reports from Thomson Prometric the current test provider for the state.

APPLICATION REVIEW

The board reviewed out of state applications.

All business concluded, meeting adjourned.

Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.

(ss) David Told
David Told, Chairperson

Date: December 5, 2007

(ss) Dennis Meservy
Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager

Date: December 5, 2007